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EXCERPTS FRM PRESIDRNT CARTER'S REMARKS TO AMERICAN TEXTILE
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EXECUTIVES ON FEBRUARY 9 FOLLOW BELOW. PRESS COVERAGE
HAS VAFIED WIDELY IN ITS INTERPRETATION OF PRESIDENT'S
REMARKS. BEGIN TEXT.

THE LAST POINT THAT I MIGHT MENTION TO YOU VERY QUICKLY
IS THIS: ON THE MULTIFIBER TRADE AGREEMENT, THREE OR
FOUR MONTHS AGO I AS APPROACHED BY A GROUP REPRESENTING

YOU THAT ASKED MY ENDORSEMENT FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE
EXISTING AGREEMENT.

MY REPLY WAS THAT IF THAT WAS THE WILL OF THE TEXTILE
INDUSTRY, THAT YOU HAD MY PROMISE OF SUPPORT. IT IS A
VERY COMPLEX SUBJECT AND I HOPE THAT YOU WILL WORK VERY
CLOSELY WITH THE SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE WHEN THAT
PERSON IS SELECTED AND WE ARE APPROACHING THAT POINT NOW,
AND WITH MIKE BLUMENTAL TO LET YOUR VIEWS BE KNOWN.

IF THERE ARE AMENDMENTS TO THE PRESENT MULTIFIBER TRADE
AGREEMENT, I NEED TO KNOW WHAT YOUR POSITIONS ARE ON THOSE
AMENDMENTS. ONCE YOU OPEN UP THE AGREEMENT TO AMENDMENTS
AND DEBATES, IT CREATES ADDITIONAL COMPLEXITY. BUT I
NOT TRYING TO FORCE MY WILL ON YOURSELVES.

WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO IS TO UNDERSTAND WHAT YOUR
POSITION IS AND THEN MAKE A JUDGMENT ACCORDINGLY. BUT YOU
HAVE MY PROMISE WHICH I WILL MAINTAIN, THAT IF IT IS YOUR
DECISION JUST TO EXTEND THE PRESENT AGREEMENT, I WILL CER-
TAINLY BACK THAT AGREEMENT. IF YOU PROPOSE CHANGES, THEN,
OF COURSE, I'LL HAVE TO ASSESS THE CHANGES ONE BY ONE;
BUT YOU KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR INDUSTRY THAN I DO.

WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF REALIZATION, IF YOU HAVE TO HAVE
BOTH IMPORTS AND EXPORTS TO CARRY ON TRADE THAT IS BENE-
FICIAL TO US ALL, I WILL DO THE BEST I CAN TO PROTECT
YOUR INDUSTRY. END TEXT.

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